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SURPLUS BUFFALO, ELK, DEER ON REFUGES SOLD TO PUBLIC

Orders are now being received for 177 buffaloes, elk, and mule deer placed on sale on four national wildlife refuges in the West, officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, announced today.

On sale are 139 buffaloes, 18 elk, and 20 mule deer. The animals are at the National Bison Range, Moiese, Mont.; Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Cache, Okla.; Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, Valentine, Nebr.; and the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, Fort Totten, N. Dak.

The big-game animals are being sold to avoid overgrazing on the national wildlife refuges administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Surplus stock is disposed of each year by public sales.

Prices for buffaloes range from \$40 to \$60; elk, \$40 to \$55; and mule deer, \$30 to \$45. All prices are f.o.b., and vary with the age of the animal and the type of purchase made.

Purchasers may obtain the animals alive or dressed.

Further details may be obtained by writing to the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Live animals crated for shipment weigh approximately as follows:
Buffaloes, 850 to 1,100 pounds each; elk, 600 to 900 pounds each; and
deer, 350 to 400 pounds each, according to age and size.

Live animals and the meat of butchered animals are usually shipped
by express. Information regarding shipping costs may be obtained from
local transportation agents.

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